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Disability Commission Minutes 06/16/04

ARLINGTON COMMISSION ON DISABILITY
MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 16, 2004

Members Present: Barbara Jones, Barbara Cutler, Lin Baker, Kevin O'Brien,
Joe Giurleo, Tom Boudreau, Louis Krodel

Members Absent:

Staff Present: Jack Jones

Others Present: Paolo Marinelli

Meeting Minutes May 19, 2004:

Barbara J. made a motion to approve the Minutes of May 19, 2004 seconded by Tom. SO VOTED

Peirce School Accessibility Issues:

Jack said that Bruce Bruneau, Community Access Monitor Project Coordinator, of the Mass. Office on Disability would be conducting an accessibility survey of the Peirce School on June 22, 2004 at 1:00 P.M. Jack said that any member of the Commission was welcome to participate in this survey.

Town Hall Web Site:

Jack said that meeting minutes and agendas are being posted to the Town Hall Web Site. Jack said that over the coming months he plans to add additional links to the Disability Commission Site allowing for disability related articles to be added to this site.

Proposed Curb Cut Work:

Jack said that bid quotes for curb cut work were due back at the Town Purchasing Department by June 22, 2004 at 11:00 A.M. Jack said that six contractors have expressed interest participating in this project.

Summer Meeting Schedule:

Tom made a motion seconded by Louis not to meet during July 2004 and to hold the next schedule meeting on August 18, 2004. SO VOTED

Community Development Update:

Kevin said that the walking trails on the McClennen Jr. field would be open this fall but that the play fields will not open until 2005.

Kevin said that the selected developer would demolish the existing buildings at the former Symmes Hospital Site. Kevin said that the current support structures in the hospital building would not allow for an open modern floor plan for an office building. Kevin was hopeful that a medical office building would be located near the present site of the nurses building.

Kevin said that the Summer St. re-construction project would begin during the summer of 2004 with a completion date of late 2005.

Other Business:

Jack said that the Board of Selectmen as a new member of the Disability Commission has approved Maureen Hilliare.

Kevin said that Thermo-Plastic application would be installed on the following crosswalks this year. Dundee Rd., Paul Revere Rd., Robbins Rd., Forest St., Quincy St., Varnum St., Lafayette St., Mill St., Lake St., Davis Rd., Town Hall Crossing, Lexington Line Crosswalk, and in front of the Lakota Bakery.

Barbara J. said that the audio signal at Park Ave has been out of order for the last three weeks. Barbara C. said that she would call Lt. McHugh at the Police Dept. about repairing this audio signal.

Paolo Marinelli said that the Cambridge City Council would be holding a Public Meeting in August or September regarding the pedestrian crossing at the Alewife Transit Station.

Legislative Update:

Barbara J. said that IDEA amendment has been passed allowing parents and attorneys representing disabled children to be sued for frivolous claims. Barbara said that this would seriously hurt special education.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 P.M.